

CITATION AND PRESENTATION
OF THE
ACADEMY PLAQUE*
TO
MALCOLM GOODRIDGE, M.D.

ASA LIGGETT LINCOLN

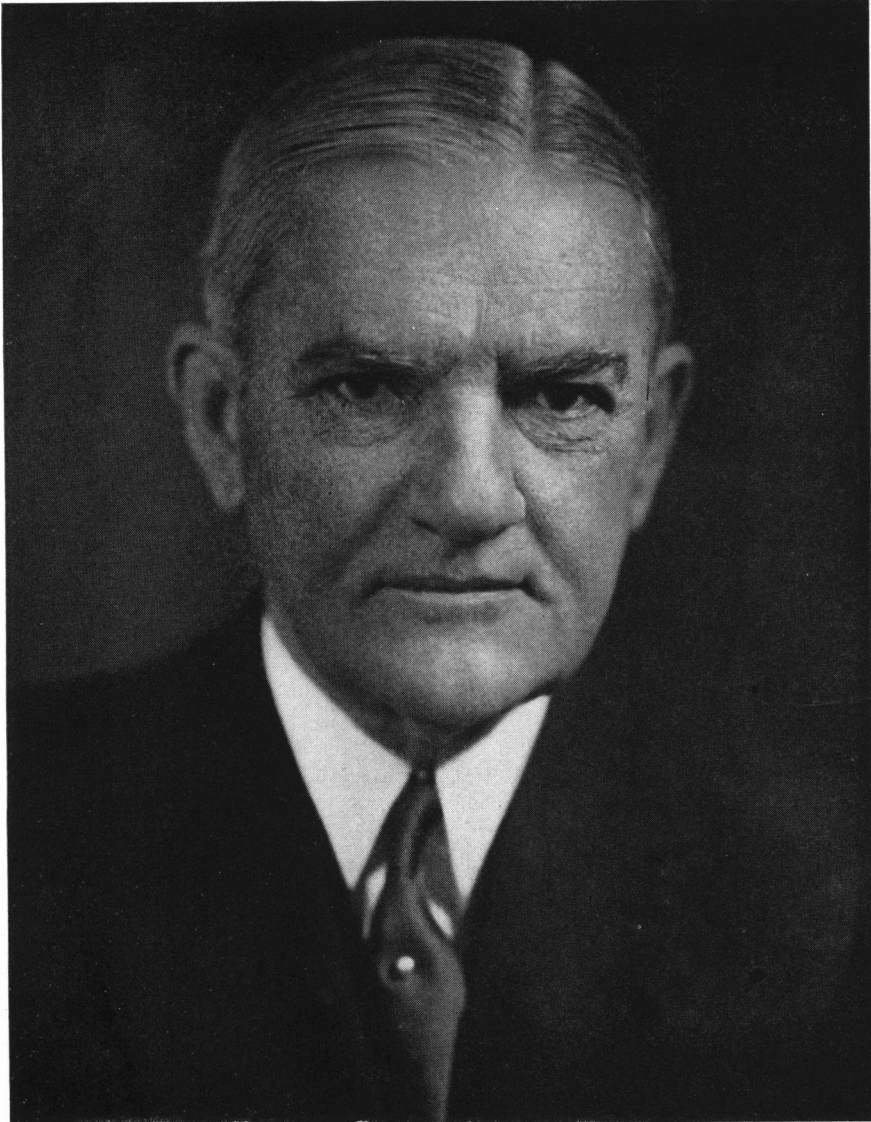
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College;
Associate Attending Physician, The New York Hospital;
Trustee, The New York Academy of Medicine

THE strength and vitality of any institution or organization can only be measured by the combined loyalty, devotion, labor and vision of the men of which it is composed. Emerson in his essay on Self-Reliance wrote, "An institution is the lengthened shadow of *one* man"; but The New York Academy of Medicine is the lengthened shadow of many men of good heart, good courage and good will. In this it has been blest.

It is the purpose of the award of this Plaque, which I hold in my hand, to recognize, even in a small way, unusual and outstanding contributions to the life of the Academy. No finer example of devoted service, of strength of purpose and long standing loyalty to this institution can be cited than is exemplified by Malcolm Goodridge. A Fellow of the Academy for 50 years,—dynamic, decisive, wise, he, during his four years of presidency of the Academy, guided the affairs of the Academy through the difficult years just prior to and immediately following our entry into World War II. Faced with institutional financial problems, he mobilized the Fellows and the lay public in a successful effort to weather the uncertain hazards of the early war years. He directed his efforts toward the community problems of those years with understanding, calmness and wisdom, but with great industry.

For eight years previous to his presidency, Dr. Goodridge served on the Committee on Public Health Relations. Following his term of

* Presented to Dr. Goodridge (in absentia) at the Annual Meeting of The New York Academy of Medicine, January 5, 1956.



MALCOLM GOODRIDGE, M.D.

office he returned to that Committee for two more years and in addition served as a member of the Board of Trustees for five years, 1943 through 1947. In addition, he was Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Academy Activities.

In 1942, the Council of the Academy authorized the appointment of a committee "to be informed on the nature, quality and direction of the economic and social changes that are taking place now and that are clearly forecast for the immediate future; to define in particular how these changes are likely to affect medicine in its various aspects; to determine how the best elements in the science of medicine and its services to the public may be preserved and embodied in whatever changed social order may ultimately develop." This Committee became known as the Committee on Medicine and the Changing Order with Malcolm Goodridge as its Chairman. Under his able guidance this group of almost fifty physicians and laymen labored for almost five years and brought out twelve published reports which marked a milestone in the reorientation of medicine in relation to the economy in which it lives and functions. This Herculean task was accomplished only through the skill, tact, understanding and perserverance of its Chairman. The Academy will always be indebted to Malcolm Goodridge for his role in this outstanding contribution to modern medicine.

It is only just and right, therefore, that The New York Academy of Medicine bestow this token of recognition and gratitude to one who has served it so well. I, therefore, as a Trustee of the Academy, have the honor and real pleasure to present this Academy Plaque on which is inscribed:

PRESENTED TO
MALCOLM GOODRIDGE
IN RECOGNITION OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
January 5, 1956